MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the amounts that have been allotted to convert the traces in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Rs. 1,000.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Rs. 3,000 was allotted two years ago for the same purpose?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why Rs. 1,000 alone is provided for the improvement of traces in the whole of Nedumangad taluk?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Want of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, what is the maximum amount allotted in any other taluk of the State for the purpose mentioned by me?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any additional allottment will be made in the current year's budget?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Let the amount provided in the budget be spent first.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I wish to know whether any additional allottment is proposed to be made.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Not contemplated at present.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Does the member know that Nedumangad taluk is most backward in point of communication?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you drop the word "most", the question will be allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is the member aware that Nedumangad taluk is backward in point of communication?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is a matter of opinion

Introduction of Arabic Chair in Colleges.

48.* MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations through the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for the introduction of Arabic Chair in the College; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, whether they intend taking measures for introducing the same in Government Colleges?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration in connection with the recommendations of the Educational Reforms Committee.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikappalli I*): May I know whether there are a sufficient number of pupils studying Arabic in College classes as to warrant a separate Chair being established in the College?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether it is the policy of Government to institute Chairs to suit the convenience of particular communities?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is more in the interest of the language than in the interests of the communities that Chairs for the study of languages are instituted.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether there is any Chair for the study of Arabic in any other colleges in the Madras Presidency?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In regard to this question, allow me to make one observation. The Government member is bound, in strictness, to answer only such questions relating to facts and circumstances as they are in Travancore. It may be good that the Government member should make researches into what is done in other places, but that is a matter of option. The information with regard to what obtains in the outside world may be gained by the member himself.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): With your permission, Sir, I have to offer a word of explanation. I welcome any further information from the Government member if he has. It is only in that spirit I put my question.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) അനുബന്ധ ചോദ്യം വേണമെന്നുള്ളതിന് എന്തെങ്കിലും അപേക്ഷകം കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): അതിപ്പോൾ പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഡയറക്ടർക്കോ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനോ അപേക്ഷകൾകിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരിക്കാം. I claim notice.

Allotment for Minor Irrigation in Nedumangad taluk.

49. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any allotment is made in this year's P. W. D. Budget for carrying out the urgent works of minor irrigation in Nedumangad taluk and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) There is an allotment of Rs. 7,000 for the restoration of Protective Irrigation works in the Trivandrum East Sub-Division, under item No. 199, Part II, of the current year's Budget, and the funds required for works relating to the Nedumangad taluk are expected to be found from that allotment.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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